

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

– Furthermore, in the recipient address list updating method of the present invention, the difference list obtained may be edited and addresses contained in the edited difference list may be referenced to update a [[first]] first recipient address list. –

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

– Referring now to Figure 3, the responsible person terminal 300 that sends e-mail based on an e-mail recipient address list in the present embodiment comprises a CPU 310 for controlling the operation of the responsible person terminal 300 according to an OS ([[no]] not shown) and a program (not shown) loaded in RAM 320, a storage device 330 for recording/storing an e-mail recipient address list 331, an input device 350, including, for example, a keyboard and/or a mouse, a display device 360, including a display, a communication module 370 for communicating with other devices through a network 400, and an input/output controller 340 interconnecting these components. –

Please replace paragraph [0055] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- While in the present embodiment the responsible person terminal 300 accesses the server 100 to send e-mail regularly and the e-mail recipient address list 331 is updated, the reference list editor terminal 200 may inform the reference responsible person terminal 300 of a change to the reference list by e-mail when the change is made in the server 100. In addition, when the reference list in the server 100 is changed, the e-mail recipient address list 331 in the

responsible person terminal 300 may be automatically updated to synchronize it with the reference list. --

Please replace paragraph [0063] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- In this embodiment it is assumed that the recipients of e-mail addresses are recorded/stored as an e-mail recipient address list 331 containing individual e-mail addresses, rather than being grouped and recorded/stored. The e-mail recipient address list 331 is pasted to e-mail and sent. This allows the recipients of the e-mail through broadcasting to know to whom the e-mail is broadcasted. --

Please replace paragraph [0078] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- No space character should be used as a separator between e-mail addresses on these lists. Instead, a new-line character or comma should be used. The new-line character and comma should not be used for other purposes than the separator between e-mail addresses. --

Please replace paragraph [0086] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- A create new reference list button 830 is also provided on the application software screen 800. A new reference list can be generated on the reference list creation screen 600 described with reference to Figure 6 by clicking on the create new reference list button 830 on the reference button list editor terminal 200. --

Please replace paragraph [0090] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- Also provided in the e-mail recipient address list update screen 900 are a replacement list 960 reflecting the content of the replacement list 610 shown in Figure 6 and an addition/deletion list 970 reflecting the content of the addition/deletion list 640. Each list created on the reference list creation screen 600 can be displayed by clicking on each of the buttons for these lists. A private reference list for each responsible person can be generated by clicking on the "Edit mode" button 954 to enter an editable state and editing these [[list]] lists on the responsible person terminal 300. --

Please replace paragraph [0094] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- Comparing the e-mail recipient address list displayed on the pre-update list section 910 with the e-mail address list displayed on the updated list section 920, e-mail addresses on the replacement list 610 shown in Figure 6 are replaced [[with]] as indicated by dashed arrows. In addition, e-mail addresses 651-659 contained in the deletion list section 650 are deleted from the e-mail address list on the updated list section 920. Furthermore, e-mail addresses 661-666 are appended to the updated list section 920. --

Please replace paragraph [0098] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- The new e-mail recipient address list copied from the updated list section 920 to the clipboard can be pasted to the e-mail recipient address list field 710, thereby providing a new e-mail recipient address list [[331]] 331'. The pasted new e-mail recipient address list [[331]] 331' can be stored on the responsible person terminal 300. In this way, modifications to the e-mail

recipient address list are performed by the functions of the server without performing any manual modifications on the responsible person terminal in this embodiment, therefore cumbersome modification tasks are eliminated and manual input errors can be avoided. --

Please replace paragraph [0104] with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

– It is not necessarily required that the program or tool implementing the present embodiment runs on the server 100. The reference [[file]] list may be referenced to update the e-mail recipient address list 331 by using a program or tool running on another computer. --